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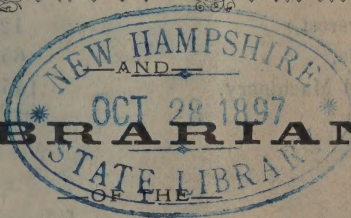
ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF—

THE SELECTMEN,
TREASURER, COLLECTOR,
OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

Sup'g School Committee,

LIBRARIAN



TOWN OF ASHLAND,

—FOR THE—

Fiscal Year ending March 1st, 1876.

ASHLAND, N. H.:

F. E. SHAW, JOB PRINTER.

1876.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY,

Selectmen's Report.

The total valuation of the Town of Ashland,
April 1st, 1875,

\$564,824 00

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
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| 275 Polls, | \$27,500 00 |
| 35 Carriages, | 2,320 00 |
| 394 Sheep, | 1,798 00 |
| 338 Cattle, | 12,450 00 |
| 115 Horses, | 12,010 00 |
| Money at interest, | 12,950 00 |
| Stock in trade, | 65,250 00 |
| Factories and Machinery, | 155,400 00 |
| Real Estate, | 275,146 00 |

\$564,824 00

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| Amount of State, County, Town and School Taxes, | \$6,890 40 |
| Highway taxes, 75 cts. on a Poll, | 3,736 18 |
| Non Resident tax, | 39 01 |
| Non Resident Highway taxes, | 24 75 |
| Dog tax, | 97 00 |

\$10,787 34

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid by orders on Town Treasurer:

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| James P. Howe, damage on Sheep, | \$4 00 |
| Elias H. Whitten, damage to Sleigh, | 2 00 |
| “ “ to breaking Roads, | 1 84 |

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| Thomas P. Cheney, land damage, | 2 00 |
| Frank M. Rollins, " " | 2 00 |
| Isaac Hathaway, " " | 5 00 |
| F. E. Shaw, for Tax bills, | 3 00 |
| D. S. Batchelder, to breaking Roads, | 6 46 |
| B. F. Cox, " " | 2 00 |
| Steven H. Eastman, to breaking Roads 1874, | 8 00 |
| Abner S. Spiller, Bill on Hall. | 2 85 |
| J. F. Keyes, money advanced on Union Bridge, | 241 17 |
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| | \$280 32 |

TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid as follows:

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| F. E. Shaw, for printing Town Reports, | \$28 00 |
| Dexter Sanborn, Auditor, | 5 00 |
| B. W. Sanborn, Books and Stationery, | 9 70 |
| F. M. Hughes, Auditor, | 5 00 |
| " " Police, | 2 00 |
| James W. Stuart, aid to transients, | 6 00 |
| Allen B. Shepard, Moderator, | 2 00 |
| E. J. Hughes, copying taxes, | 5 00 |
| E. P. Warner, for transients, | 3 25 |
| F. E. Shaw, printing hand bills, | 1 50 |
| F. M. Hughes, cost John Ellison case, | 15 76 |
| E. B. Currier, damage to Sheep, | 3 00 |
| A. F. Jones, " " | 6 00 |
| Buchanan & Willis, for transients, | 4 00 |
| Enoch Rogers, aid to transients, and Stationery, | 7 30 |
| David B. Story, overdrawn taxes on I. D. Woodman's Mill, | 37 92 |
| B. Hughes, board of Selectmen, Postage and Express | 10 00 |
| Frank L. Hughes, paying State tax, | 3 80 |
| S. W. Constantine, Water at Blacksmith Shop, | 3 00 |
| Ashley C. Whipple, M. D., registering births for 1874—'75, | 5 00 |
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| | \$163 23 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid as follows:

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| Barnett Hughes, Selectman, | \$64 75 |
| Enech Rogers, " | 60 00 |
| Edward P. Warner, " | 55 00 |
| Frank L. Hughes, Town Treasurer, | 30 00 |
| B. B. Worthen, Town Clerk, | 40 00 |
| Horatio N. Smyth, Overseer of Poor, | 50 00 |
| J. A. Dana, Superintending School Committee, | 40 00 |
| Sarah J. Brown, Librarian, | 25 00 |
| Ben. F. Pease, Collector, | 75 00 |
| William F. Harris, Police, | 3 00 |
| Frank N. Flanders, " | 5 00 |
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| | \$447 75 |

SCHOOL MONEY.

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|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------|------------|
| District No. 1, | \$1,129 38 | Literary Fund. | \$55 00 | \$1,184 38 |
| " " 2, | 18 50 | " " | 6 42 | 24 92 |
| " " 3, | 32 28 | " " | 4 00 | 36 28 |
| " " 4, | 49 60 | " " | 7 00 | 56 60 |
| " " 5, | 9 24 | " " | 2 40 | 11 64 |
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| | \$1,239 00 | | \$74 82 | \$1,313 82 |

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid as follows:

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| J. M. Smith, for labor and land damage, | \$37 50 |
| Sanborn & Blair, for Stone, | 45 00 |
| Samuel W. Fletcher, for lumber, Drake Bridge, | 127 16 |
| Paul Perkins, for labor and tools, | 40 30 |
| C. H. Huckins, breaking roads, | 5 00 |
| Ira Huckins, " " | 6 00 |
| H. N. Smyth, " " | 6 00 |

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| R. R. Carlton, for Concrete, | 126 20 |
| Benjamin Cass, labor on road, | 5 25 |
| Joseph B. Smith, " " | 2 25 |
| James P. Pattee, for Stone, | 3 00 |
| Hughes & Huckins, Bill, | 8 79 |
| Daniel S. Baker, work on Highway, | 8 60 |
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| | \$421 05 |

Respectfully submitted,

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| BARNETT HUGHES, | } Selectmen of Ashland. |
| ENOCH ROGERS, | |
| EDWARD P. WARNER, | |

We the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Ashland, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly avouched.

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| DEXTER SANBORN, | } Auditors. |
| FARNCIS M. HUGHES, | |
| HENRY PAGE, | |

Treasurer's Report.

Frank L. Hughes, in account with the
Town of Ashland:

DR.

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| To balance brought forward from last year, | \$1,144 50 |
| “ cash of Enoch Rogers, | 5 26 |
| “ “ John R. Willoughby, Collector for 1874, | 131 65 |
| “ “ B. E. Plaisted, use of Tomb, | 1 00 |
| “ “ W. F. Harris note given, | 400 00 |
| “ “ James H. Plaisted, note given, | 700 00 |
| “ “ Franklin Eaton, County Treasurer, | 123 52 |
| “ “ Savings Bank Tax. | 545 11 |
| “ “ Rail Road | 54 32 |
| “ “ Literary Fund | 74 82 |
| “ “ F. M. Hughes. Rent Town Hall, 1875, | 16 40 |
| “ “ Sarah J. Brown, Library Fines, | 7 16 |
| “ “ B. F. Pease, Collector for 1875, | 5,818 43 |
| | <hr/> \$9,022 17 |

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| By paid County Tax, | \$904 37 |
| “ “ State Tax, | 1,016 00 |
| “ “ Notes and interest, | 3,262 54 |
| “ “ Town Orders, | 3,159 34 |
| “ “ Cash on hand, | 679 92 |
| | <hr/> \$9,022 17 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

We the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly avouched.

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| DEXTER SANBORN, | } | Auditors of the Town of Ashland. |
| FRANCIS M. HUGHES, | | |
| HENRY PAGE, | | |

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1ST, 1876.

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| Total amount of notes and interest outstanding, | | |
| March 1st, 1876, | | \$9,570 12 |
| | | CR. |
| By Taxes uncollected in 1871, | \$33 40 | |
| “ “ 1872, | 14 45 | |
| “ “ 1873, | 29 70 | |
| “ “ 1875. | 1,214 28 | |
| “ Cash on hand, | 679 87 | |
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| | | \$1,971 70 |
| Amount outstanding, March 1st, 1876, | | <hr/> |
| | | \$7,598 42 |
| Total amount outstanding, March 1st, 1875, | | \$9,603 74 |
| “ “ “ “ 1876, | | 7,598 42 |
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| Decrease of Debt, 1875, | | \$2,005 32 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

Collector's Report.

Ben. F. Pease in account with the Town of Ashland: DR.

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| To State, County, Town and School taxes, | \$6,890 40 |
| Non Resident tax, | 39 01 |
| Non Resident Highway tax, | 24 75 |
| Dog tax, | 97 00 |
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| | \$7,051 16 |

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| | CR. | |
| By paying Town Treasurer, | | \$5,818 43 |
| Non Resident highway receipts, | | 10 50 |
| Abatements, | | 7 95 |
| Uncollected, | | 1,214 28 |
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| | | \$7,051 14 |

Respectfully submitted,

BEN. F. PEASE, *Collector.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1874.

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| John R. Willoughby, | DR. | |
| To taxes uncollected as per report 1875, | | \$156 62 |

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| | CR. | |
| By paying Town Treasurer, | | \$131 65 |
| Abatements, | | 4 10 |
| Discount Absentees, | | 20 87 |
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| | | \$156 62 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. WILLOUGHBY, *Collector.*

Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

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| Horatio N. Smyth in account with the Town of Ashland: | DR. | |
| To Cash, | | \$583 15 |
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| By paying bills for support of poor, | CR. | \$583 15 |

Report of the Sup'g School Committee.

| No. of District. | Summer & Winter. | Names of Teachers. | | No. of Weeks. | No. in Reading. | No. in Spelling. | No. in Penmanship. | No. in Arithmetic. | No. in Geography. | No. in Grammar. |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| No. 1. | 1st grade. | Miss Lydia A. Webster, | Sum. | 10 | 31 | 31 | 12 | 29 | 19 | 25 |
| | | " " | Win. | 20 | 34 | 34 | 11 | 34 | 25 | 27 |
| | 2d grade. | " Fanny M. Keyes, | Sum. | 10 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 6 |
| | | " " | Win. | 20 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 5 |
| | 3d grade. | " Alice F. Hinkley, | Sum. | 10 | 54 | 54 | 50 | 26 | 10 | 0 |
| No. 2. | | " Anna G. Clement, | Win. | 20 | 51 | 41 | 14 | 18 | 10 | 0 |
| | No. 2. | Miss Hattie A. Drake, | Sum. | 6 | 13 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 3 | 2 |
| No. 3. | | " " | Win. | 7 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 3 |
| | No. 3. | Miss Angie B. Smith, | Sum. | 8 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| No. 4.* | | " " | Win. | 10 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| | No. 4.* | One term, | Sum. | 13 | 23 | 23 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 0 |
| No. 6. | | Mrs. Mary E. Pease, | Win. | | 23 | 23 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 0 |
| | No. 6. | One term, | Sum. | 10 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| | | Miss Hattie A. Drake, | Win. | | | | | | | |

*No. 5 has been united to No. 4.

DISTRICT NO 1.

The three schools in district No. 1 the past year have been divided into three terms of ten weeks each. all in session at the same time. I will say, that in the first grade, our scholars show better improvement than ever before. For many years we have had excellent teachers in this department, and if I report more progress this year, it is no reflection upon former teachers, but a proof, that the employment of the best teachers ensures continual improvement. With a proper school room, suitably furnished, and good surroundings, this grade is better for our scholars than any Academy in the state. Now, it is a miserable, unhealthy place, and prevents in a great degree, that improvement which should result from our expenditures.

The teacher reports for the

Summer term, not tardy or absent.

Amy Morse, Allie Gordon, Lewis Smyth, Delia Smith,

Tardy or absent only from sickness.

Delle Dearborn Geo. Scribner, Emmie Webster, Alice Appleyard, Gertie Weeks, Ellen Webster, Addie Webster,

Fall term, not tardy or absent.

Amy Morse, Allie Gordon, Carrie Scribner, Alice Appleyard, Ruth Gordon, Emmie Webster, Jennie Baker Mary Ames, Rodney Howe.

Tardy or absent only from sickness.

Delle Dearborn, Ellen Webster, Ada Peaslee, Gertie Weeks,

Winter term not tardy or absent.

Allie Gordon, Amy Morse, Carrie Scribner, Emma Webster. Delle Dearborn, Ellen Webster, Ada Peaslee, Mary Ames Albert Smith, Clarence Gilpatric, Geo. Scribner, Allie Howe, Mima Howe, Rodney Howe, Jennie Baker.

The four last were tardy once from snow drifts.

Of the second grade, I will say, we have never had better progress. The teacher is particularly suited to the necessities of the scholars, and in my opinion can do better for this school than any

new teacher. Here, too, the school room is unsuitable, unfurnished, badly located, and inadequate for the accommodation of so many pupils the seats being too low, and very uncomfortable in many respects.

In the third grade, for the last six terms, we have had wonderfully good management. The pupils have shown vast improvement, having been taught a great variety of matters, all of importance to the infant mind, and in such a manner as to keep them continually employed without wearying. The first term this year was taught by Miss Alice F. Hinkley, and gave perfect satisfaction. The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Anna G. Clement, and I can truly say, I have never spent a half day in visiting schools with more interest than in this department. Even, in the matter of penmanship, these little minds are profitably employed, and show much improvement. Here, also, the room and surroundings are miserable, unhealthy, and too small. In this department there are more than fifty scholars. In district No. 1 to properly expend our school money, and give the pupils the best schooling, we should have four grades, good rooms, well furnished, to convene them in, and such teachers as we have employed for the last few years. Then, for our money we should give to our children as good schools as any in the State.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

In this district there has been two terms of six weeks each. The teacher was well qualified and faithful, the pupils attentive, orderly and showed good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Here they have had two terms only; the first of eight, and the second of ten weeks. This is a union district of Ashland and Holmerness, with a good school room, and retired and pleasant surroundings. The same teacher has been employed for a number of terms past, with benefit, as the scholars show marked improvement, and the result of good discipline.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This district has been united with No. 5, it has a new school house well situated, and with more furniture, black boards, etc. it would be a convenient school room. There has been only one term thirteen weeks and a fraction this year. The teacher did her duties well, she is qualified, and faithful; the scholars, or their parents are faulty in their relations to the school; as more than half of the pupils have been absent nearly half the time. No one can get much profit besides being an actual injury to others in their classes, from such irregular attendance, and it behooves the parents to look well to this matter, and insist upon their children attending promptly and regularly.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Here, there has been only one term of ten weeks; this year, this is a union school with Center Harbor, and New Hampton, there is a fair school room, it being somewhat broken, and having no apparatus. The teacher was well qualified and indefatigable in her duties. The pupils show fair progress.

JOHN A. DANA, *Sup'r School Committee.*

Librarian's Report.

The Librarian would respectfully submit the following report for the year 1875.

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| Number of books given, | 3 |
| Whole number belonging to the Library, | 656 |
| Number of different persons who have taken out books, | 275 |
| Number of books lost or destroyed, | 0 |
| Amount of fines collected, | \$7 16 |
| The number of books that are most read are about, | 418 |
| The number very seldom taken out are, | 127 |
| The remaining 111 are Documents and are very seldom or never referred to. | |

S. J. BROWN, *Librarian.*